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The Honorable Pete Buttigieg
Secretary of Transportation
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The Honorable Billy Nolen
Acting Administrator
Federal Aviation Administration
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Dear Secretary Buttigieg and Acting Administrator Nolen:

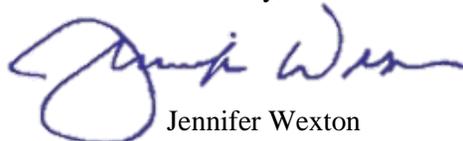
I write today in support of the Metropolitan Washington Airports Authority's (MWAA) application for grant funding through the FAA's Airport Terminals program for Dulles International Airport in Virginia. This shovel-ready terminal project will replace the regional and commuter concourse at Dulles with a new 14-gate concourse to improve passenger access and environmental performance, upgrade customer amenities, and support future growth.

The proposed new terminal will be conveniently located atop the underground Concourse C/D Aerotrain station, providing quick and easy access to passengers and reducing transit times for passengers with connections at Dulles who must currently use shuttle buses or long walkways. Where current regional and commuter passengers must board their flights using outdoor covered walkways and aircraft stairs, the proposed new terminal will allow for jet bridge boarding that reduces boarding times and is more accessible for passengers with disabilities. The proposed new terminal will additionally be nearly four times larger than the current facility, which will reduce crowding, allow for expanded concessions and passenger amenities, and create additional space for operational areas, offices, aircraft servicing, and baggage handling.

This project will also improve Dulles's environmental footprint, as the proposed new facility will be built to LEED Silver Certifiable standards. Environmental improvements include support for electric aircraft servicing vehicles and the use of modern energy efficient construction methods and materials.

I believe that this project fully meets the FAA's stated emphasis on projects to replace aging facilities and create sustainable and accessible airport terminals, and I appreciate your prompt, full, and fair consideration of MWAA's application.

Sincerely,



Jennifer Wexton
Member of Congress